

Planning Commission

Number of Members: Five

Term: Three Years

FPPC Filing: Required

Chairman: Michael Christianson (Appointed August 2000)

Meeting Schedule: First and Third Wednesday of each month

Vacancies: One

Other Members: Mary Lee Rosenbaum (Appointed March 1993)
Frank Povero (Appointed June 2005 to fill the unexpired
term of Charles Umeda, who was appointed to the City
Council)
David D. Werner (Appointed June 2005 to 2008 Term)

Applications on File Four

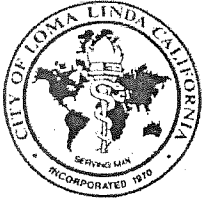
Comments: A vacancy has occurred due to the resignation of Rene
Sakala. Her term would have expired June 30, 2007.

Planning Commissioners must maintain a status of resident
elector of the City.

Recommendation: Appoint one member to fill the unexpired term (June 2007).

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Administration



CITY OF LOMA LINDA
APPLICATION
APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

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Applications must be returned by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2005	City Clerk's Office 25541 Barton Road Loma Linda, CA 92354
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Name: David C. Varnam Home Phone: (909) 478-5668

Home Address: 10920 Evans St. Years resided at address: 1

Have you lived at any other address in Loma Linda: Yes X No

If yes, give previous address: _____

Employer: Congressman Gary Miller

Employer Address: 1800 E. Lambert Rd. 92821 Employer Phone: (714) 257-1142

Occupation: District Representative How Long: 2 years

Education (Highest Grade Completed): BA in Christian Studies minor in History

Licenses or special certificates held: _____

Name, location of Colleges/Universities Attended	Major	Degree	Last Year Attended
CSU-San Bernardino			1999
California Baptist University	Christian Studies	BA	2001

Have you ever been convicted of any crime or violation of any law or statute other than minor traffic violations?

Yes _____ No X (If yes, please attach a separate sheet of explanation.)

Prior or Current Civic Experience (Include Membership in Professional, charitable or community organizations)	Office Held (if any)	Dates of Membership
attend Riverisde Brethren in Christ Church		
attend various civic meetings through		
Congressional responsibilities		

I declare under penalty or perjury that all statements in this application and the attached responses are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

David C. Varnam
Signature of Applicant

1. Please describe your interest and background in planning and development.

I am currently employed by United States Congressman Gary Miller (R-Brea), a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure and Financial Services Committees, as a district representative handling district housing, water and transportation issues. I am also his representative to three cities, Brea, Diamond Bar and La Habra. Through these responsibilities I have acquired an increased knowledge of the issues that face and impact cities such as Loma Linda. I regularly deal with agencies such as the Metropolitan Water District, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Caltrans, and many others on the local, county, state and federal level.

I believe that one of the most important functions of a city is planning and development and through my assignments I have gained an understanding of these issues. My interest lies in desiring to give back to the community by helping shape the future.

2. What do you see as your role within city government if appointed to the Planning Commission?

If appointed my role would be to advise the city council on planning issues, which has the final vote on any issue. I also believe that if the plans for a project are done within the law, the planning commission should allow the council to vote on it.

3. Looking 10 years into the future, what is your vision of Loma Linda?

I see Loma Linda a lot like it is today, a warm community with a small town feel. As the region grows, so will the city, bringing more homes, and with it more residents and businesses. Loma Linda will be a hub for medical excellence in the many years to come but I believe it will also make a name for itself as a business friendly community with great potential for growth, especially on Redlands Boulevard. As businesses grow they generate more taxes, providing finances to allow the city to make necessary infrastructure improvements, especially with the current state budget restrictions. Local tax revenue has become one of the few sources of income that the state has not taken in order to find revenue for a state budget. Housing will also increase in Loma Linda as more people move east and more individuals who work in the city attempt to live here, as more housing becomes available.

4. Provide an example of how you would resolve a situation where your personal viewpoint toward development is in conflict with the overall best interest of the city?

The personal philosophy I hold and what I believe is best for the city should not contradict one another. If there truly was a difference between my viewpoint and what was best for the city of Loma Linda I would put my viewpoint aside for that vote, only after studying the issue and believing it was the best course of action.

5. The design and architecture of a proposed development may not suit your personal taste and the type of development or land use may be contrary to your lifestyle views or opinions. How would you review the project objectively?

I believe property owners have the right to build and/or expand on their property as long as those changes are allowed by city code, zoning and laws. I would review projects with that in mind, even if the design may not be what I would personally prefer. As a planning commissioner my job is to make recommendations and advise the city council so that they can make the final decision on a project, not hold up a project because I may have a personal problem with how a building looks.

6. What local city(ies) do you admire and believe Loma Linda should emulate and why? What steps should Loma Linda take to become more like these cities?

There are several cities that have features that Loma Linda should emulate. Cities such as Ontario, La Habra and Rancho Cucamonga have found a balance between housing and business, bringing not only shoppers from the region but new residents to the area.

La Habra has a similar business situation as Loma Linda. There are several large malls, downtown areas and large stores such as Costco, Home Depot and Wal-Mart just across the city line but primarily local stores and small businesses in town. The result is that many of the residents spend their money outside of the city, generating tax revenue for nearby cities. However, recently La Habra has made a push to bring new business to the city and has been successful in bring a Sam's Club, Kohl's and many others, including a Costco which is currently being built. With those successes a private golf course with many new homes around it was built, revitalizing the south-west portion and bringing both new sales and property taxes. Also, the city partnered with the Chamber of Commerce to implement the "Shop La Habra" program, which has been successful in keeping more local sales tax in the city by showing residents what their sales taxes can provide for the city and provides incentives for the residents to do so.

7. What abilities do you feel you have that would allow you to work as a member of the Planning Commission team, even though you may not always agree with other Commissioners on important development issues.

In my job as a Congressional district representative I work daily with residents, elected officials, businesses, cities, schools and community groups, which all have different priorities, beliefs and political philosophies. I have learned to find common ground and to work together to achieve a goal.

I also have experience from my former job as a federal legislative analyst for the Christian ministry Focus on the Family. Through this I gained the knowledge of working with federal, state and local government, community groups and elected officials.

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Name: Laurentiu Popescu Home Phone: 909-234-8724 cell

Home Address: 25941 Redlands Blvd. Apt E Years resided at address: 3

Have you lived at any other address in Loma Linda: X Yes No

If yes, give previous address: 25672 Mead st. (22 years)

Employer: PBS#5 - Riverside office

Employer Address: 10370 Hemet st. Suite 200 Employer Phone: 951-358-1433

Occupation: Civil Engineer How Long: 1.5 years.

Education (Highest Grade Completed): 4 years of college

Licenses or special certificates held: _____

Name, location of Colleges/Universities Attended	Major	Degree	Last Year Attended
California State University, Los Angeles	Civil Engineering	Bachelor of Science	2002

Have you ever been convicted of any crime or violation of any law or statute other than minor traffic violations?

Yes _____ No X (If yes, please attach a separate sheet of explanation.)

Prior or Current Civic Experience (Include Membership in Professional, charitable or community organizations)	Office Held (if any)	Dates of Membership
P San Bernardino Sheriff's Search & Rescue	SAR Team	1992
American Society of Civil Engineers	YMPE President	1998

I declare under penalty or perjury that all statements in this application and the attached responses are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Planning Commission Questions

June 15, 2005

1. Please describe your interest and background in planning and development.

Collaboration with people who share my interest in planning the future of the growing community of Loma Linda has always stimulated my curiosity. As a resident of Loma Linda for the last 25 years I have seen tremendous growth and changes in the city landscape. I realize that a great deal of change continues to lie on the horizon for the city of Loma Linda and I hope to be part of the positive transformations to the city landscape.

As a civil engineer under my current employer my duties include plan designs for master communities and site assessments. The implementation of the seven elements of the general plan makes up the most important aspect of this process. With the new regulations mandated by the state concerning the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) civil engineers must also make sure that they treat water for pollution at its earliest stage. The significance of these new regulations suggests that we must change the way we look at master planned communities. The clustering of housing represents one example of the implementation of the WQMP which permits for open landscape and allows the treatment of rain runoff through natural forms.

2. What do you see as your role within city government if appointed to the Planning Commission?

I feel that my role consists of making unbiased recommendations concerning development within the city and providing guidance to the city and to my colleagues in making a sound decision in enforcing the city policies and procedures. By doing this, I feel that it will make Loma Linda a more desirable community to live in.

3. Looking ten years into the future, what is your vision of Loma Linda?

As a result of the historical beginnings of Loma Linda and their roots in the development of health and healing, my vision consists of perpetuating the original plans for our community. An important part of maintaining the original vision for Loma Linda includes the continued focus on the university as the central facilitator of education and health. In addition, the university lifestyle requires the utilization of parks, trails, and open spaces for recreation. Another aspect of maintaining the original small town environment of the city includes providing better transportation circulation with the advancement of technology. A new interchange at Evans Street, improvements at Tippecanoe Avenue, and eliminating the offset interchange at California Street would also alleviate the gridlock during peak rush hours.

4. Provide an example of how you would resolve a situation where your personal viewpoint toward development is in conflict with the overall best interest of the City.

Every development has to comply with general plan includes compliance with the correct land zoning, traffic impact requirements, and the recommendations of the environmental impact report which I feel constitutes the most crucial aspect of the process. The application of this procedure renders my personal viewpoint irrelevant and ineffective in the implementation of these specific guidelines.

5. The design and architecture of how you would resolve a situation where your personal taste and the type of development or land use may be contrary to your lifestyle views or opinions. How would you review the project objectively?

The Loma Linda City General Plan contains a section completely dedicated to community design. This section includes several guideline policies for the entire city

which would completely form the base for my review. In this way I would approach the situation objectively.

6. What local city(ies) do you admire and believe Loma Linda should emulate and why? What steps should Loma Linda take to become more like these cities?

I admire the City of Redlands because it provides a local market once a week on one of their main streets. I think a similar endeavor would create an additional quality to the desirable atmosphere of Loma Linda. In addition a local outdoor market offers the accessibility of fresh products in our own city. This would also coincide with the health conscious inclinations of our city. A wide path in a park would meet the needs of vendors in terms of space to display their fresh fruits and vegetables. This would also constitute a good starting point in the integration of this feature into our city's recreational and commercial highlights.

7. What abilities do you feel you have that would allow you to work as a member of the Planning Commission team, even though you may not always agree with other Commissioners on important developmental issues?

I believe that I exhibit the ability to reason between both sides of an issue. I also think that I have the ability to guide a discussion in order for both parties to understand the relative concerns. This guidance would lead to some sort of conclusion to the matter in terms of a vote.



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Name: Don Hamer Home Phone: 909 796-0026
Home Address: 25091 Daisy Ave Years resided at address: 25
Have you lived at any other address in Loma Linda: ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, give previous address: 25028 Prospect Street
Employer: Self-employed
Employer Address: _____ Employer Phone: _____
Occupation: _____ How Long: _____
Education (Highest Grade Completed): Ph.D.
Licenses or special certificates held: _____

Name, location of Colleges/Universities Attended	Major	Degree	Last Year Attended
<u>Andrews Univ - Berrien Springs Mich.</u>	<u>Religious Studies</u>		<u>1965</u>
<u>School of Theology at Claremont</u>	<u>Religious Studies</u>	<u>Ph.D. Doctor of Religion</u>	<u>1968</u>
<u>Claremont, Ca.</u>			
<u>Claremont Graduate School</u>	<u>Philosophy & Theology</u>	<u>Ph.D.</u>	<u>1980</u>

Have you ever been convicted of any crime or violation of any law or statute other than minor traffic violations?

Yes _____ No ☒ (If yes, please attach a separate sheet of explanation.)

Prior or Current Civic Experience (Include Membership in Professional, charitable or community organizations)	Office Held (if any)	Dates of Membership

I declare under penalty or perjury that all statements in this application and the attached responses are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Don Hamer
Signature of Applicant

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ARE REQUIRED. PLEASE USE NO MORE THAN FOUR TYPED OR HANDWRITTEN PAGES FOR ALL OF YOUR ANSWERS.

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6. What local city(ies) do you admire and believe Loma Linda should emulate and why? What steps should Loma Linda take to become more like these cities?
7. What abilities do you feel you have that would allow you to work as a member of the Planning Commission team, even though you may not always agree with other Commissioners on important development issues?

CANDIDATES MAY BE INVITED FOR AN ORAL INTERVIEW BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

To: Loma Linda City Council
From: Don Hamer
Re: Application to serve on Planning Commission
Date: June 15, 2005

Answers to application questions

1. My interest and background in planning and development:

My interest in planning and development grows out of an interest in art and architecture. During grade school years my father, brother, and I enjoyed drawing home plans. Upon completing graduate school I enrolled in classes in art history, drawing, and painting. I subsequently taught classes in religion and the arts and culture for professional students at Loma Linda University. I believe that a component of good city planning and development is enhanced through an appreciation for the arts.

2. What I see as my role within city government if appointed to the Planning Commission:

I would see my role on the Planning Commission as a facilitator for helping to develop collective judgements through dialogue and consultations among the city Planning Department, all the Planning Commission members, development interests, and the increasingly diverse community interests. I would seek input from those living closest to proposed developments by going door to door and by encouraging home discussion groups as well as attendance at Planning Commission meetings. I would help find harmony between development proposals and city guidelines.

3. My vision of Loma Linda ten years into the future:

My vision of Loma Linda in ten years is development around two foci: Loma Linda University and the community. I visualize cluster housing on the perimeter of the campus—specialty student housing, condominiums, and townhouses for residents, staff, and faculty. Around the outer perimeter would be speciality shops, i.e. restaurants, coffee shops, delis, etc., with an international character. Not only would this create a sense of community and attract the surrounding area but also create a safe haven for walking and bicycling, reducing traffic and parking needs. University employees would also have a lunch break option within walking distance. Future residential development could incorporate

small clusters of shops and services. Residents in the east, north, south, and west could also benefit from closer approximation to these essential services. I also have a strong interest in Loma Linda developing attractive venues for concerts and other cultural events and for art exhibits.

4. How I would resolve a situation where my personal viewpoint toward development conflicts with the overall best interest of the City:

Since all viewpoints are personal, and the overall best interest of the city is subject to interpretation, maintaining personal integrity is in the final analysis what is in the best interest of the city. For me, the key is the process by which a planning commissioner arrives at conclusions. Can one look at all the evidence, evaluate competing values, and render a judgement which rises above ego needs and political expediency? Finally, a majority vote of the five-member Planning Commission provides a check on opinions which lack merit for the overall best interest of the city.

5. How would I review a project objectively whose design and architecture do not suit my personal taste, or whose planned use is contrary to my lifestyle views or opinions:

I expect that my objectivity will be enhanced with input from city agencies such as the Planning Department, developers' proposed plans, the other Planning Commission members, and through insight and awareness of our community and of other cities in the Inland Empire who have similar issues.

As to architectural design, I would like our city to develop and enforce guidelines that prohibit the more faddish, extreme, and outrageous transgressions of good design principles. I would like us to promote architecture that incorporates a sense of originality and durability and that recalls our rich local history and rural setting.

As to development not in harmony with my lifestyle preferences: I would keep in mind the need to be fully in touch with and knowledgeable of the diverse cultural, religious, and ethnic elements that now enrich our cosmopolitan city. I would like us to include and celebrate these diversities while limiting the activities that other fine cities also find objectionable, activities that most educated and responsible people reject.

6. Local cities I admire and believe Loma Linda should emulate – why – what steps Loma Linda should take to become more like these cities:

Three cities come to mind, Claremont, Riverside, and Redlands. Claremont has preserved its village character while at the same time meeting the needs of the

areas not immediately adjacent to the Claremont Colleges. The students are able to walk or bicycle to the specialty shops, restaurants, coffee shops, delis, post office, bank, and an entertainment center. The nearby Montclair Plaza has only increased the appreciation for Claremont's village character.

Riverside's downtown development plan for the area surrounding Mission Inn focuses on housing (i.e. condominiums) for those who work for the county, and for the professional and other civic and culture-minded people who want to be able to walk to work, shops, restaurants, cultural events, coffee shops, library, churches, and entertainment. Its appeal will also offer UCR students an attractive evening destination.

Redlands offers a downtown cluster of shops, restaurants, book stores, coffee shops, delis, farmer's market, entertainment, the Redlands Bowl, and Library, all within walking distance in a safe and esthetically pleasing space.

7. Abilities I have that will allow me to work as a member of the Planning Commission team, even though I may not always agree with other Commissioners on important development issues:

I am committed to promoting good communication skills, good relationships, respect for other viewpoints, and listening and learning from one another. I have some experience speaking in public and conveying my vision for Loma Linda.

I believe my graduate education will help me keep a broad and open perspective. Although formal education in itself is no guarantee of a cooperative spirit, it nevertheless increases the likelihood.

As an involved resident for 35 years, I perceive the complexities and trade-offs necessary for the betterment of the whole community, and this makes it less likely that I will be entrenched in my own opinions. I am looking at what enhances community and what may be creative solutions rather than focusing on my own preferences. I seek to be in touch with the changing times in which our decisions are made and I wish to contribute to the development of a city of Loma Linda that retains a recognizable identity both for those who need our services and for the community as a whole.



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Name: KENNETH E. HUNT Home Phone: 909-796-8183

Home Address: 24663 BARTON FRG. RD Years resided at address: 4 YRS

Have you lived at any other address in Loma Linda: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, give previous address: 25750 MISSION RD

Employer: the TOM company

Employer Address: at home / an office in RIVERSIDE Employer Phone: 951-206-2878

Occupation: CONSULTANT How Long: 5 1/2 YRS

Education (Highest Grade Completed): 14 +

Licenses or special certificates held: ~~UNDER~~ NONE

Name, location of Colleges/Universities Attended	Major	Degree	Last Year Attended
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Yes ☐ No ☒ (If yes, please attach a separate sheet of explanation.)

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE	MEMBER	CURRENT

I declare under penalty or perjury that all statements in this application and the attached responses are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

June 15 2005

City of Loma Linda

Kenneth E. Hunt
24663 Barton Frontage Road
Loma Linda, CA 92354

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A cover letter of introduction

To the City Council of Loma Linda;

I have decided to offer myself as a candidate to fill one of the vacancies on the Planning Commission. This is a result of a great deal of introspective thought and consultation with my family and friends and neighbors. On the surface one may draw the conclusion that I have not the experience to fill this position, however, I have been told I have a good view of how this fine city should grow. You will notice that I did say grow, I am not against growth, I am however concerned at how much and what type of growth is needed. I do not believe in growth for growths sake. I do not believe that a large population base is inevitable, but growth itself is. It is how we approach this growth that will determine the standard of life for the residence of Loma Linda in the future. When I first moved here one of the reasons was the quiet small town atmosphere that existed. I feel that most others also chose this fine town for the same reason. I see a need to exercise constraint on growth not to issue a moratorium on it. I have no connections to any developer or construction firm and have the freedom to take each proposal independently. I can see a bright future for the City if we are diligent in our decision making processes taking into account the views of our citizens and staff as well as the other committees we have appointed to give us some insight in these matters. I have a good sense of business as a business owner and have been blessed with good old-fashioned common sense and a Midwest work ethic. I do hope you view my offer with a favorable eye.

Kenneth E. Hunt

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Kenneth E. Hunt
24663 Barton Frontage Road
Loma Linda, CA 92354

Answers to the questions with the Planning Commission application

- (1) As a resident of Loma Linda I am concerned for the future of Loma Linda and it's direction. Though I have no background in planning activities as a whole, I do have some expertise in traffic control and highway safety. I also have been gifted with a preponderance of common sense which I feel will be of use in decision making processes.
- (2) I see my role as one of balance and neutrality as something I feel is needed in the Planning Commission. I believe in communication and would do my best to have meaningful intercourse with both the elected and hired Officers of Loma Linda, as well as the appointed committees and their chairs.
- (3) If it continues in the direction it is currently pursuing, I see a tax base that will be ill equipped to maintain the infrastructure it is at the moment endorsing. It is my hope to allow growth with a mix of housing and business that will allow for a deeper tax base needed to support the future expanded infrastructure requirements. It would be my hope to invite more sales tax producing business including a high end Hotel and convention center. Though in the beginning (short term) the developers will pay for the costs of the infrastructure expansion, the city will need to maintain said improvements and the property tax alone will not allow for that. In general at this moment I have a negative view of the future in Loma Linda in ten years if the same path is pursued and followed. However, I can see a bright future if the growth is better controlled and balanced.
- (4) I think that this question is best answered with; I have few set in stone beliefs. That said, I am flexible and if given a good argument can be dissuaded to another's point of view. Of course I also would hope that the one with whom I have a disagreement would be as open as I and could them self be dissuaded.
- (5) As to this question, I again would say that I have only a few views that I consider carved in stone, but I do have the ability to listen to another's argument and can be shown where those views may be outdated or perhaps in fact totally incorrect. I would expect the same open-mindedness of the developer or developers. I would as an example be totally apposed to one that would want all the homes in the development to be bright pink with green trim even if I thought it would be cheery, as it would not speak well of the community to allow this as it would lower the property values of the surrounding homes. However if the developer offered to tone down to a pastel pink and white trim I think the community would as a whole approve of this change.
- (6) Now this is a subjective question. I have several cities I admire and some for only the way they handled a single situation and others as a whole.

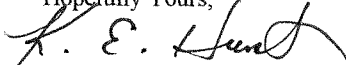
Though not quite local, The City of Irvine is an example of a town that from its inception had a general plan and the foresight to see the future growth. They mixed business into their community in order to allow for fuller tax base. New residential development was and is controlled and balanced. Irvine was a dirty little area forgotten between Santa Ana, Westminster, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa and the County. It is now world headquarters for several large corporations and the North American headquarters for several others. They are constantly rated as one of the safest communities in the nation. Irvine is the poster child for controlled growth.

The Cities of Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga have also done a fine job in finding a balance of housing and business evidenced by their collective rise in the standard of living and how others view them.

Colton is also doing well in the constant improvement of their image.

- (7) In a redundant vane I would bring to the Commission an open mind and some new views. I do work with others. That is not to say I would not fight for my view and would hope that my fellow commission members would also keep an open mind in a debate. The commission shouldn't be a rubber stamp for any one point of view. The commission should look at what is best for the City of Loma Linda in the long run and strive to do no harm for future generations to suffer from. All development issues are important and none should be taken lightly.

Hopefully Yours,



Kenneth E. Hunt